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Vandals target Witney, leaving town council to foot the bill



Support club opens in Carterton

A NEW branch of a popular club that supports people living with dementia has been opened in Carterton.

Lights Up provides group activities for dementia sufferers and their carers to help stimulate their mind, and provides an opportunity for those in a similar situation to meet up.

See page 9 for the full story.

WITNEY Town Council has been left with a bill for hundreds of pounds, with 17 separate acts of vandalism being reported since the start of May.

Much of the vandalism was in The Leys and in Tower Hill Cemetery, which saw a football pitch damaged by barbecues, banners torn down and bollards stolen.

Three trees in The Leys, along with others in Burwell Estate and King George V Field, have had bark stripped from them, and could die as a result.

Graffiti has also been discovered on a noticeboard at Madley Park, a stone wall in Oxlease has been damaged, a fire was lit in a bin at the Witney Skatepark, and litter found at various sites across the town.

Chris Holliday, councillor for East Ward who sits on the policy and finance committee, was disappointed with the latest spree.

He said: "The town council suffers this type of vandalism continually which is very disheartening and costs many thousands of pounds a year that could be

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better used to the benefit of the local community.

"Large scale incidents or those with a significant cost implication are always reported to police.

"Unfortunately, the number of instances seems to be on the increase and we will be looking to report more incidents more frequently, and hope that police are able to get on top of this.

"I am sure the parents of these vandals would be appalled by their children's behaviour if they knew what they were getting up to."

Chrissie Curry, South Ward councillor and chair of the amenities committee, added: "I am absolutely appalled at this level of mindless vandalism.

"The cost to the taxpayers of Witney is considerable, but the most dreadful thing is that there are people who think that it is perfectly acceptable to behave like this with no thought for others.

"It makes me very sad to realise that thoughtless people like this live in our midst, and I am sure they all think they are very clever."

Anyone with information about vandalism in Witney is asked to call police on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Night at the zoo for disabled kids

CHILDREN with disabilities were given the opportunity to get up close with animals at Cotswold Wildlife Park earlier this month.

The park's Dreamnight At The Zoo event saw children from Oxford hospice Helen & Douglas House, as well as others from local charities ROSY and SpecialEffect, visit the zoo after hours.

They had the chance to meet some of the animals, watch bird of prey displays and listen to live music during the evening on June 6.

Kate Barklie, clinical volunteer coordinator at Helen & Douglas House, said: "It was a wonderful special evening out for the families, all provided so generously."

"It was a great opportunity for the children to have fun as a group and for the mums and dads to catch up."

"The Helen & Douglas House philosophy is to make the most of every day and we cannot thank Cotswold Wildlife Park enough for giving families the chance to have this time together."

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Chloe Harris was one of the youngsters who visited the zoo, and had the chance to get up and close with the birds of prey.

Her mum Sally said: "It was the most wonderful evening. We had such a lovely time as a family."

"Things like this are so special. We become 'normal' families for an evening where we don't have to vie for space or have people staring at us."

"It's also a lovely way to catch up with other families who we only see occasionally."

This was the first year that Cotswold Wildlife Park joined in with Dreamnight, and it was well-received from children and their carers from across the county.

"Dreamnight was a joy to organise," said event organiser Hayley Rothwell. "Being able to share the park and animals with the children and their families for a night like this is such a rewarding feeling."



• Findlay Middleton meets the penguins at Cotswold Wildlife Park

OxonBike back on the road after hiatus

OXFORD'S answer to London's Boris Bikes returns to the city's streets today.

Oxfordshire County Council and Surrey-based HourBike have joined forces to re-launch the OxonBike scheme.

After last summer's initial launch, previous operator Grand Scheme Bike Share Ltd went into liquidation in November.

However, 30 bicycles will be available to hire from seven locations around Headington from

today, helping to link Thornhill Park and Ride with employers in the suburb.

David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport on the county council, said: "I am delighted that OxonBike will be

on the road once more.

"When the scheme launched last year around 500 people signed up, so I am sure that those people will be very keen to get back in the saddle."

OxonBike is a pilot scheme, funded by the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

Registration for the scheme costs £1 while the first half an hour on the bike is free.

Bikes can be picked up and returned to Thornhill Park and Ride, The John Radcliffe Hospital, London Road, University of Oxford Old Road campus, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Churchill Hospital and Oxford Brookes' Gypsy Lane site.

• County councillor David Nimmo Smith (front) with Angela Lee from the John Radcliffe Hospital (left) and James Gagg from Oxford Brookes University (Picture courtesy of Oxfordshire County Council)



News Bites

MP Smith reopens city Post Office

OXFORD: Oxford East MP Andrew Smith formally opened the refurbished branch of the Post Office in St Aldate's last Thursday.

A number of Post Office branches have been revamped in recent weeks, with the St Aldate's store now having longer opening hours and self-service kiosks.

"The modernisation of the branch is good news for the community," said Mr Smith.

Charity tin stolen from restaurant

BOTLEY: Police are appealing for witnesses after a man stole money from the charity boxes at the McDonalds restaurant in Botley Road, Oxford.

Between 3.40am and 4.10am on June 10, an offender smashed a window at the front of the building to gain entry.

Once inside, the man targeted tills and charity boxes before stealing a small amount of money.

Thames Valley Police say the offender was a white man who was wearing a high visibility jacket.

Witnesses to the incident should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Arrests made in anti-drink drive campaign

THAMES VALLEY: More than 100 people have been arrested in the first fortnight of Thames Valley Police's summer anti-drink drive campaign.

Of the 119 arrests across the region, 32 were made in Oxfordshire between June 1 and 15.

The 'Watch Your Game' campaign ties in with the World Cup, to remind people of the dangers of drink driving the morning after a night out, as well as the night before.

In total, 75 of the 119 arrested have been charged, 31 bailed and 13 released with no further to be taken.

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A COUPLE from Oxford who are attempting to fill a World Cup sticker album with their own drawings have become an Internet hit.

Alex and Sian Pratchett, who live on the Iffley Road, started drawing players on the first day of the tournament on June 12 and aim to fill all 639 spaces by the final on July 13.

The couple have been posting their progress on a blog called

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Panini Cheapskates and set up a Twitter account, which has attracted over 900 followers since starting.

They are now even getting picture requests from football fans all over the world.

Alex said: "It is baffling that it's got a bit out of hand over the past couple of days."

The 30-year-old said he tried to complete the 1994 World Cup sticker album when he was 10, and after his friends had bought one for this year, he couldn't resist.

He added: "I came home one day with the album and I said to Sian 'how about as a project me and you try and draw them and that way we can do it for free'."

"It's moving quickly, it's strange but it's fun."

"I've sat in front of every single game, but I've barely even seen a kick because I'm looking at a bit of paper on my lap."

The couple have drawn 130 of



• (Left) Alex and Sian Pratchett; (above) some of their drawings

the stickers so far and although Alex admits most of them are "terrible", he said he was proud of his drawing of Uruguay striker Luiz Suarez.

He continued: "Some of the early ones are pretty terrible but it seems that the worse the drawing, the better the reaction."

"People seem to prefer the ones that are outright awful but



if we don't get slightly better at it then there must be something wrong with us."

"I'm quite proud of the Luis Suarez I did. It's more recognisable than the other ones we've done."

"Sian is a bit better than me so I need her to do the England team because I have done a few of those and they are all terri-



ble. "There is a picture of Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard together and they look ridiculous, so I need her to salvage that page of the annual."

You can track Alex and Sian's progress on paninicheapskates.wordpress.com, or follow them on Twitter via their account: @CheapPanini.



Sanders steps down as chairman

THE chair of the board of Healthwatch Oxfordshire has resigned with immediate effect.

Larry Sanders' resignation was announced yesterday, after deciding to step down from the role despite the board encouraging him to remain a member.

Vice chair Jean Nunn Price will assume the role in the interim. A statement released by the organisation read: "Under Larry Sanders' leadership of the board, Healthwatch Oxfordshire has flourished."

"The organisation is actively campaigning on key issues including the importance of whistleblowing by health and

social care professionals and creating an environment where they can speak out safely about their concerns."

"[It has also been] increasing the engagement of residents' relatives in residential care home settings, tackling the quality of home care visits and initiating a survey about patient access to GPs."

Also, the organisation's new chief executive is expected to be announced in the coming weeks, following the departure of David Roulston.

Healthwatch acts as a consumer watchdog aimed at promoting health and care services

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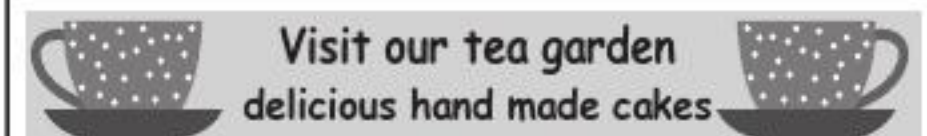
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OxVox project a success as club crests are put up

OXFORD United's home ground will look a little different from now on after club crests were installed on the outside of the Kassam Stadium on Monday.

Former Oxford United chairman Firoz Kassam, who still owns the stadium, approved the installation of the crests.

The project was driven and funded by supporters' trust OxVox.

Committee member Andy Wilmer said: "We're delighted that we've been able to help make this project happen as we are committed to promoting our club and its achievements for all fans to enjoy."

Club chairman Ian Lenagan added he was "grateful" to OxVox members and Kassam's Firoka company for taking on the "effort to improve the look of the outside of the stands".

Mr Kassam said he was "delighted" to offer his support.

"The Kassam Stadium is the home of Oxford United and it's great to see Oxford's colours on proud display around the ground," he said.



Jo 'will remain in our hearts'

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THE family of a woman killed in a collision on the M40 near Bicester last Friday have paid tribute to "a loving wife, mum and daughter".

Joanna Bull, 29, from Kenilworth in Warwickshire, was on her way to visit her mother in Oxford, and was travelling with her five-week-old daughter Ruby.

She was preparing to meet her newborn cousin Harry, who had been born two days previously.

Her Peugeot 406 estate collided with an articulated lorry at around 11.20am on the south-bound carriageway near junction nine.

Joanna was pronounced dead at the scene, while Ruby was airlifted to hospital for precautionary checks, but was not believed to have been injured.

Her family released a statement on Saturday, which read: "Jo was a loving wife, mum, daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece and friend to so many, and loved by all who knew her. 'Jo was vibrant, beautiful, and



• Joanna Bull was killed in a collision on the M40 last Friday

caring in so many ways. A girl who added zest to a room and who had found true love and happiness with her husband of just one year, Dave.

"To have her taken from her family at such a happy time is utterly unbearable.

"Jo, we never had the chance to say a proper goodbye, but we will never forget how much fun and laughter you brought into all our lives.

"You will remain in our hearts and memories always."

Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact police on 101.

News Bites

Summer raves

OXON: Farmers and landowners are being urged to remain vigilant this summer to the possibility of illegal raves being organised on their land.

Police say signs of illegal raves are vehicles driving off-road, groups congregating in rural areas and loud music from remote woodland.

Ch Insp Jim Weems said: "Anyone considering holding or attending this type of event should reconsider their intentions carefully."

Autism school

OXON: A new school designed to help children on the Autism spectrum is holding open days this weekend.

This Saturday and Sunday, LVS Oxford at Begbroke Abbey, which opens in September, will be holding open days to show prospective pupils and parents what it will have to offer.

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- Professor John Bernard Pethica – services to science
- Professor Richard Rustom Kharsedji – services to philosophical scholarship

CBEs

- Professor Martin Biddle – services to archaeology
- Sonny Leong – for political service

OBEs

- Amanda Sara Cooper – for services to policing in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire
- Anne Kelaart – for services to the rural community in Oxfordshire
- Professor Polly Roy – for services to viral research
- John Andrew Simpson – for services to literature
- Group captain Victoria Patricia Gosling MBE

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British Empire Medal

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- Gary Norman Mattingley – for services to protecting communities from flooding
- Helen Elizabeth Stewart – for services to neighbourhood planning in Thame, Oxfordshire

Queen's Police Medal

- Brendan O'Dowda

Queen's Birthday Honours revealed

MORE than 20 people with links to Oxfordshire have been recognised for their work in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

A fireman who helped deal with the city's winter floods, an assistant chief constable at Thames Valley Police and a serving officer based at RAF Benson are among those honoured from the county.

Firefighter Gary Mattingley, from Bicester, has been given a British Empire Medal in recognition for his flood management work in Oxford.

His idea to use binding hose to capture and stop water from flood plains reaching homes and roads resulted in Botley Road staying open in February.

It is now known as the 'Oxford Method', and has been submitted to central government as a national example model.

"I was absolutely shocked and overwhelmed when a letter with 'On Her Majesty's Service' came through my door informing me of the award of the British Empire Medal," said Gary.

"The water running through each hose on the Botley Road weighed about a tonne, so they acted as a solid dam supported by sandbags.

"I came up with the idea but it

By Adam Flinn

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was my Fire and Rescue Service colleagues who implemented it and clearly the successful outcome was the result of excellent teamwork."

Assistant chief constable Brendan O'Dowda has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal for his service with the Thames Valley force.

Brendan, who lives in Kidlington, said he was "thrilled" and "humbled" to receive the award.

He said: "All I have ever wanted to do since the age of 16 when I joined the police cadets was to

come to work to protect the public, make a difference and lock up the bad guys.

"It's just great to be recognised for making that difference.

"I couldn't have done this without the love and support of my family, including my wife Nichola and our children.

"And I also couldn't have done it without my professional and brave colleagues over the years, who also go out of their way to protect the public."

Group Captain Victoria Gosling has been appointed as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her commitment to RAF Benson and to adaptive sports.

During her time at RAF Ben-

son, Victoria has secured £2m of funding for single living accommodation blocks, filling important civilian posts, and a major refurbishment of 599 sub-standard houses for military families.

She has also been an important figure in the success of adaptive sports across the Armed Forces, and an integral part of bringing the Invictus Games for wounded servicemen to the UK this September.

"I am both thoroughly shocked and delighted to be awarded the OBE," said Victoria.

"I am passionate about my work and always strive to give my all to every project.

"To receive this award in recognition of that is wonderful."



(From left to right) Brendan O'Dowda, Gary Mattingley and Victoria Gosling



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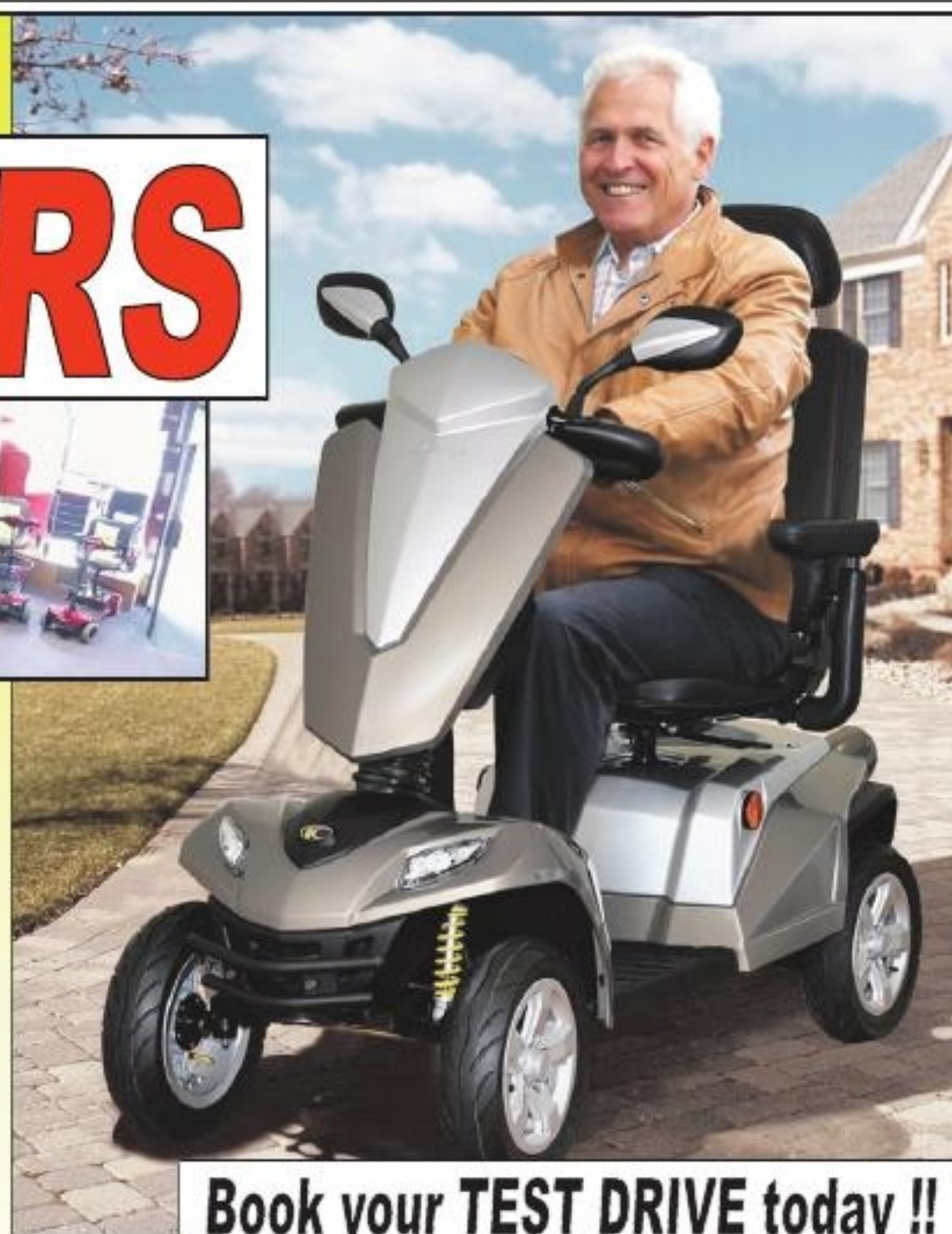


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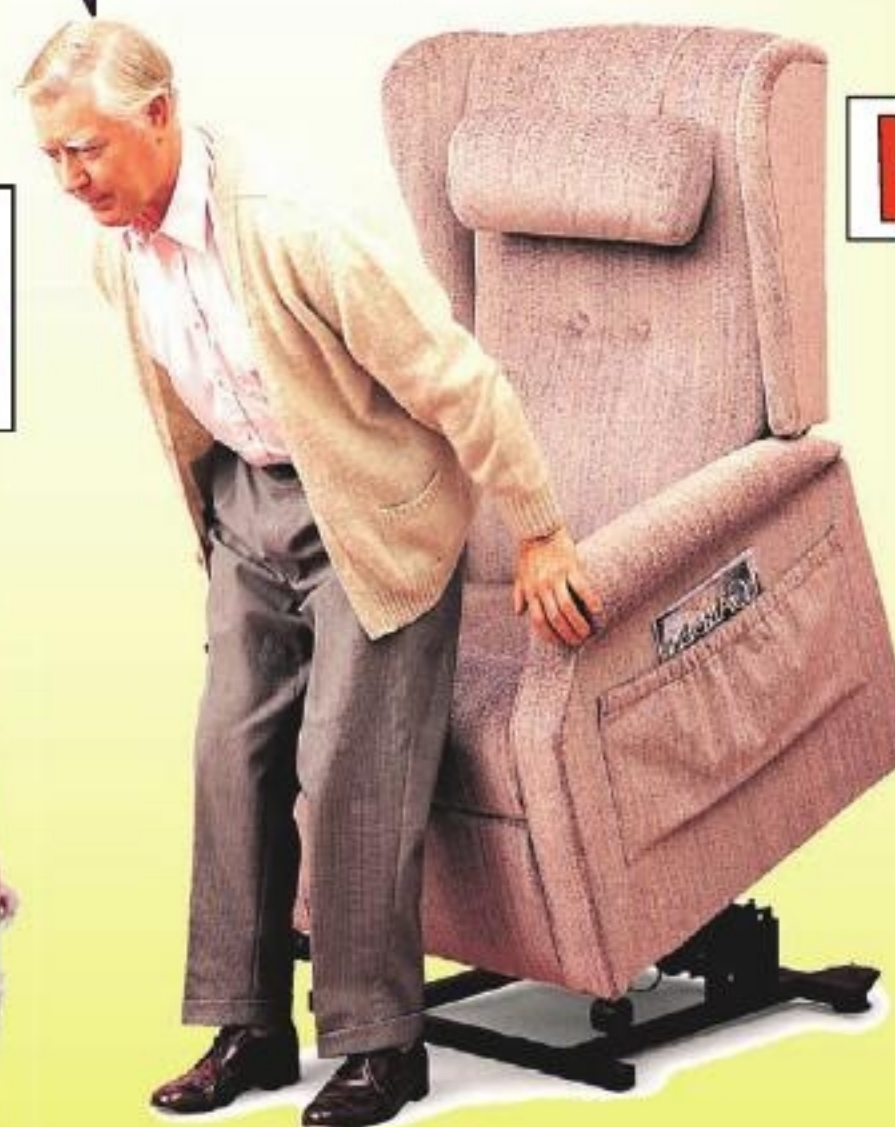


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HGV drivers fined for road restrictions breach

MAGISTRATES in Oxford have given fines totalling more than £2,000 to six lorry drivers for breaching road restrictions in the county.

The six men were all fined at the city's Magistrates' Court on Monday, with £780 of costs being awarded to Oxfordshire County Council.

Sean Reader, 35, from Ruislip, pleaded guilty to breaching seven weight restrictions during a journey between the M40 at Thame and an address in Didcot on September last year.

He was fined £100 for each

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offence, resulting in a total fine of £700.

Walter Gascoyne, 27, from Shefford, drove a heavy goods vehicle weighing up to 44 tonnes through the 7.5 tonne restricted B4009 in Watlington on October 3 last year, and was fined £266.

Neil Williams, 42, from Luton, was fined £400 for breaching the same restriction on January 29 this year, after not responding to a court sum-

mons.

Michael Donson, 44, of Sheffield, and Stephen Williams, 46, of Luton, also breached the Watlington restriction, and were each fined £266.

And Mirosław Arciszewski, 35, from Luton, breached the three-tonne restriction on Shabington Bridge, near Thame, on February 26, and was fined £400 in his absence.

Three of the drivers had been spotted committing the offences

by members of the public, while the others were seen by Trading Standards officers on patrol.

Richard Webb, the county council's Trading Standards team manager, said: "Weight restrictions are there for very good reasons.

"This is either to protect bridges that have become structurally weakened or where the use of roads by heavy goods vehicles could result in the risk of accidents, damage to the roads

and generally detracts from the amenities of residents."

"It may be tempting for drivers to flout the rules in order to take a shortcut, but it's always better to take the long and legal way round to ensure other road users' safety and to avoid getting a criminal conviction.

"I hope these cases act as a warning to other drivers who might be thinking of ignoring weight restrictions across Oxfordshire."

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Rose ceremony

LITTLE WITTENHAM: The traditional mid-summer rose ceremony will be held at Little Wittenham Nature Reserve tomorrow.

Anne Purse, chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, will present a red rose to the Earth Trust at 1pm.

New chairman

CHERWELL: The district council has announced its new chairman and vice-chairman following last month's elections.

Alastair Milne Home was selected as chairman for the coming year, with Melanie Magee as vice-chairman.

Second branch of club opens for people with dementia

A CHIPPING NORTON arts-based club which helps people living with dementia has proven so popular that another branch has opened in Carterton.

Lights Up sees dementia sufferers and their carers, families and friends getting together for a range of activities designed to stimulate the mind, such as making music and storytelling.

And it was decided that the group, which meets twice a month, had such a positive impact in Chipping Norton that a second West Oxfordshire branch was set up.

Jan Burrage, who cares for her husband Ralph, said: "It's brilliant. Friendships always strike up immediately between those of us living with dementia as we all have something in common.

"Music and old songs are always stimulating as they bring back memories from

the past."

Mark Booty, West Oxfordshire District Council cabinet member with responsibility for health, was pleased with the group's progress.

He said: "Lights Up was set up by the council in October 2012 to support people living with dementia and it is a shining example of how this type of support is working in the community."

The club in Carterton runs on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Blenheim Court, and the Chipping Norton branch is on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Highlands Day Centre.

Both run from 10.30am to 12.30pm, and visitors can turn up on the day.

• *Musician Arne Richards (standing) entertains (from left) Joe Lambe and Ralph Burrage at the Carterton Lights Up club*



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Thank you!

OXFORD: Police wish to thank two men who reclaimed a phone that was snatched from a teenage girl on Barns Road, Cowley, on June 7.

The incident happened at 11.20am, with the offender running off towards the Grates after taking the phone from her hand.

Two men saw the distressed victim and chased after the man, returning the phone to the teenager.

Det Con Charlotte Dunford said: "We are appealing for witnesses to the incident and also to the two men who chased the offender, to thank them for helping the witness."

The offender was around 30-years-old with short brown curly hair and facial stubble.

Call 101 with details.

New glasses

OXFORD: Smart glasses developed at Oxford University for the registered blind are being tested across the city.

The glasses are said to be able to help people with limited vision navigate and avoid walking into obstacles. A transparent electronic display where the lenses would be, give simple images of nearby people and obstacles.

Children get coding

WALLINGFORD schoolchildren got to grips with computer coding last week as part of a new Google initiative.

Computer coding experts visited Year 5 pupils from Fir Tree Junior School last Friday.

The session was led by Code Club, who run free after school computer clubs, with the support of Google.

Didcot and Wantage MP Ed Vaizey nominated the school to take part in last week's introductory coding session, and the children enjoyed creating their own games and programming.

Nilofer Khan, headteacher at

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Fir Tree Junior School, said it was an honour to be nominated.

She added: "It is an opportunity we did not want to miss."

"More so for the children, this time in their education to have experts show them the skills for coding is huge in this technology age that we are living in."

"We all know that children can operate technology better than adults now, but to be given guidance on how to operate things for later on in life is good for their

futures."

Ten-year-old Madeline Breeze enjoyed the session.

She said: "I like to have the responsibility of making something new and making presentations about One Direction."

"I would definitely go to after school clubs to learn more about coding."

Finn Ford, also 10, added: "We made our own games."

"I would go to an after school club because I like to play games and programme."

The children learnt coding through a programme called Scratch.

Lauren Kirsop from Code Club, who led the session, said: "Some schools have already started after school clubs, and others haven't, but overly they pick it up very quickly."

"Scratch was designed to teach with coding in mind. It introduces them to this concept in an easy way."

Mr Vaizey, who also attended the session, said about the initiative: "Code Club is a great way for children in Wallingford and around the country to learn computing and coding skills in a fun environment."

"As technology plays an ever expanding role in our lives and economy, these skills are essential for young people, and will help open up opportunities throughout their lives."



• (From left to right) Madeline Breeze and Lily-May Nunn, both 10, enjoy the computer coding session at Fir Tree Junior School last Friday (Picture by Jack Johnson)



SamCam hosts charity

WANTAGE-BASED charity SUDEP Action was the special guest at a reception hosted by the Prime Minister's wife last week, writes Timon Williams.

Samantha Cameron held the event at 10 Downing Street on June 10, launching the charity's appeal for preventative research.

The charity is asking experts to look into a sleep monitoring device that could help prevent Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP).

Mrs Cameron met with SUDEP Action supporters, experts, policy makers and families bereaved by epilepsy.

Jane Hanna OBE, chief exec-

utive of SUDEP Action, said: "We are very grateful to Mrs Cameron for generously hosting us and helping us to raise awareness of this issue."

The machine the group are appealing for is a Wireless Apnoea Detection Device (WADD), created by Professor John Duncan of University College London.

Ms Hanna added: "We need at least £165,000 to test this device on people with epilepsy as the next step towards a system that may be highly reliable for preventing SUDEP."

Ed Vaizey, MP for Didcot and Wantage, also attended the event and added: "It is vital that a condition which affects so many is better understood."

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Man arrested

CHINNOR: A 36-year-old man has been arrested following a distraction burglary in Elderdene last Friday.

At around 1.45pm, the man entered a house to talk to the owner about fixing his roof, before stealing cash and leaving in a blue car.

Contact 101 with information.

Flowers fun

SUTTON COURTENAY: All Saints' Church is hosting a flower festival this weekend, with displays set to fill the building's interior.

Write It In Flowers was chosen as the theme for local flower arrangers, with the challenge of interpreting a book title through their floral works.

The church will be open between 10am and 5pm on Saturday, and 12noon and 4pm on Sunday.

Tool thieves

CUMNOR: Police are looking for offenders who stole power tools from two vans overnight on June 10 and 11.

One van in Deanfield Road was broken into, while a van in Hurst Rise Road was entered by unknown means.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

Cost rise for roundabout

THE budget for work on the Kennington Roundabout and Hinksey Hill Interchange has risen by £1.8m, it has been revealed.

A report discussed by Oxfordshire County Council cabinet members on Tuesday shows that the increase was approved by council leader Ian Hudspeth last month.

Work at the roundabouts, along with the refurbishment of four bridges, had been expected to cost £6m.

But this has risen following the need to move a water main, additional costs for subcontractors, and the relocation of orchids.

The budget increase was approved by Cllr Hudspeth to ensure that the project, which began on June 9, would be finished before Christmas.

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Cllr Hudspeth said: "A lot of it is to do with the work by Thames Water that has added to the scheme cost, and we're trying to do some additional work as well with a bus lane going in."

"As so often happens in these sort of cases, the initial scheme comes out with the starting price, then you actually get on site and see the particular big things like the water main issue."

"The orchids weren't the main condition, it was one of those side issues. We are having to do it because of them, but it's not the reason for the overspend."

The work at Kennington Roundabout will see a new car-

riageway for eastbound traffic going through the central island in a 'hamburger' style, while the westbound carriageway will be widened.

A slip-road at the Hinksey Hill Interchange will allow traffic coming from Oxford on to the A34 to avoid the traffic lights.

Four bridges between Heyford Hill and Hinksey Hill are also being resurfaced as part of the project.

Cllr Hudspeth added: "It's important that we get this, because the split roundabout will improve the capacity of the southern ring road, and up to the Hinksey Hill Interchange it will improve traffic flow as well."

"It's a much-needed project that will assist in moving the flow of traffic around."



Initiative set to stop waste

IF you are feeling full at a restaurant and cannot finish your meal, there is now no need to let your food go to waste.

Earlier this week Oxfordshire County Council launched 'Too Good to Waste', a new initiative to prevent food being left on plates in restaurants.

One hundred restaurants across the county have been provided with free eco-friendly boxes to offer people the chance to take home the rest of their meal. The project is funded by the county council and managed by facilities management company Low Carbon Maintenance & Buildings (LCMB).

David Nimmo Smith, cabinet

member for the environment, said the initiative will "tackle plate waste head on".

He added: "The result of this campaign is a 'win-win' - restaurants demonstrate their commitment to sustainability and reduce their waste disposal bill. Diners get to continue the enjoyment of a tasty meal."

• (Front) FoodWISE project officer at the county council Helen Ramsey, with (from left to right) John O'Brien, Sam Brown and Chloe Craughan from LCMB, Turl Street Kitchen venue manager Charis Sharpe and Gio Bagordo from the Low Carbon Hub



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Boys arrested after disorder is reported in Blackbird Leys

THREE 16-YEAR-OLD boys have been arrested following an incident of disorder and assault in Oxford on Monday night.

Police were called to Mercury Road, in Blackbird Leys, at around 10.50pm, where a 31-year-old woman had sustained minor bruising but did not require hospital treatment.

Three cars were also damaged in the incident.

Two of the boys were arrested and bailed until September 19, while the third was bailed until July 17.

Police say it is unclear how many people were involved in the incident, but they are looking for a man of mixed race, aged between 20 and 25-years-old.

He was described as 5ft 6ins tall, of large build, with short shaved hair, and was wearing a light-coloured t-shirt.

Det Con Peter Warne, of Force CID in Oxford, said: "We would like to speak to anyone who can help to identify those people involved in this incident."

"It is not yet clear how many people were involved in this incident and whether there were other related disorders prior to the assault."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Witney market gets a new look

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THERE will be celebrations all round at Witney Buttercross Market this weekend as it launches its new look.

West Oxfordshire District Council and Local Traders have arranged for Witney Market Square to be dressed with new colourful gazebos on Saturday as part of a campaign to improve the market's appearance.

The gazebos have been bought by the district council and will be leased to stall holders.

Stall owner Keith Davies is delighted with the new style.

"They look good and have cleaned and smartened up the market," he said.

"I think it attracts more people to come here."

"The general situation has changed a lot over the years, with market traders being affected by supermarkets and discount stores."

"We were beginning to lose momentum, but I'm really pleased that West Oxfordshire District Council has given us a nudge and pulled it all together again."



• Keith Davies (left) and Cllr David Harvey at Witney Buttercross Market

David Harvey, cabinet member for the environment at the district council, said the makeover has given the town centre a boost.

"For hundreds of years, markets have been at the heart of our communities and the bustle and colour of a successful market is difficult to rival," said Cllr Harvey.

"The new stalls at Witney's 400 years old traditional market look fantastic and give the town centre a real boost."

He added: "The last few years have been difficult for many market traders, but we are now welcoming a number of new stallholders and firmly believe that Witney Market is now definitely on the up."

Work was also carried out on the square last year with Oxfordshire County Council repaving and resurfacing the area, while modern recycling bins were also installed.

Market days in Witney take place on Thursdays and Saturdays with a Farmers Market taking place once a month on a Friday.

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Rugfest is back

WALLINGFORD: The town's summer music festival, Rugfest, begins tomorrow.

Lasting until Saturday, Rugfest will be held at the Hithercroft Sports Park with music, food, drink and festival stools.

For more information, visit rugfest.co.uk.

Charity theft

FARINGDON: The Royal National Lifeboat Institution's (RNLI) charity box has been stolen from The Swan pub, Park Road.

At 2.45pm on June 9, a man entered the pub and stole the box before heading towards the town centre on Southampton Street.

The man was white, of stocky build, with dark hair and was wearing dark clothing. Call 101.

Not so bright

ABINGDON: Police are looking for a woman who attempted to steal candles from a shop in Fairacres Retail Park earlier this month.

At 4.50pm on June 4, a woman stole 10 Yankee candles from Beales Home Stores, before being chased down by a shop assistant.

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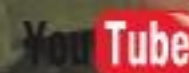


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City council loan to fund new solar panel projects

SOLAR panels are to be installed on schools across the county after Oxford City Council approved a £2.3million loan towards renewable projects last week.

The OxFutures Community Fund, which is attracting investment to develop energy efficiency projects, will receive the loan.

Social enterprise group Low Carbon Hub will use the cash to work with schools and businesses to introduce renewable energy projects, including over 25 solar panel schemes.

Over 1MW of solar panels will be installed on over 20 primary and secondary schools, generating 875MWh of electricity per year.

Oxford City Council is also set to benefit from the investment and could see a return of £33,000.

City councillor John Tanner, board member for Transport and a Cleaner Greener Oxford, said: "There are three very good reasons for Oxford City Council to make this investment.

"The huge environmental benefits in terms of carbon reduction, the benefits to the business and schools receiving our support and the good financial invest-

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ment for the city council.

"Once again Oxford is leading the way and helping to provide a bright and sustainable future for our residents."

The OxFutures project was launched in January and received a £1.2m grant from Intelligent Energy Europe.

As well as the city council, local communities can also invest in projects through share-offers.

Dr Barbara Hammond, CEO of Low Carbon Hub, said she hopes between 20 and 25 schools and three businesses will have solar panels by the end of the year.

She added: "There are getting on for 300 schools in the county, some of which already have solar panels.

"Our immediate focus will be on getting all the city schools, which are suitable for panels, included in the scheme, and there are about 36 schools either within the city or just outside that we haven't done yet.

"This money is enough to cover the initial pipeline that we have got in progress at the moment."

Carer jailed for defrauding ill woman

A CARER from Kidlington who stole over £70,000 from a terminally ill woman and used the cash for gambling has been jailed.

Wassim Al Ashkar, 32, of Oxford Road, Kidlington, was sentenced to two-and-a-half years after admitting to stealing £71,450 from a 67-year-old

with multiple sclerosis.

Al Ashkar was employed as a full-time live-in carer for the victim between 2011 and 2013.

After he left his role in March 2013, a relief carer noticed irregularities with the victim's finances.

Oxford Crown Court heard that an investigation discovered that Al Ashkar had used the victim's bank cards to steal £71,450 from her.

It is believed he spent most of the money on gambling.

He pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud by false representation earlier this year, after being arrested in April 2013.

Investigating officer Det Con Rebecca Prior said: "I'm happy that Al Ashkar pleaded guilty.

"This means the victim has been saved the uncertainty and indignity of a trial."

Thames Valley Police is currently investigating the assets of Al Ashkar with a view to recover the lost money.

• Wassim Al Ashkar



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City burglary

OXFORD: A burglar left an Oxford home empty handed after a woman confronted him.

At 10.20am on June 6, the victim was in her front garden on Ashurst Way when a man distracted her.

A second man entered the house, but met the victim's granddaughter who told the offender to leave.

Any witnesses should call PC Stuart Robertson on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Be a friend

OXON: Members of the public are being encouraged to sign up to become a Dementia Friend tomorrow.

The session, held at County Hall, on New Road, Oxford, from midday to 1pm, will be run by the Alzheimer's Society and Public Health England.

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Hotel award

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We are holding an open obstacle training day 10am-2pm

This event is aimed at the general public, people who haven't experienced an outdoor fitness session with us before and want to find a bit more out about it and have a go for themselves. This is a special event for us as we are unveiling our JLPT obstacle course and along with the usual bootcamp fun it is sure to be a special day indeed.



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We suggest that if you wish to attend this event you book your space soon as course time slots are limited and on a first come first serve basis.

For more updates and information you can find us on Facebook JLPT Outdoor Fitness Coaching. We regularly post information on nutrition, tips and exercises. Alternatively you could go to www.ridgewaytigersbootcamp.co.uk and reply to the email stating 'June event' or call Jo & Liam on 07976 008622/07960 618474 where a free personal review is always available.

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• 'Annie Get Your Gun' will be at the New Theatre from Tuesday. See overleaf.



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Love in the Wild West

THE major new production of Irving Berlin's classic musical 'Annie Get Your Gun' shoots its way to Oxford's New Theatre from Tuesday.

Consisting of timeless classic songs, the musical tells the story of Wild West female sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her romantic relationship with fellow cowboy Frank Butler.

It stars Jason Donovan as Frank, the popular actor who has previously appeared in hit musicals such as 'The Sound of Music' and 'War of the Worlds'.

He said: "I've been very lucky in having some great roles to get my teeth into in the past, but now having the chance to star in the UK premiere production of this award winning version of such a classical musical is very exciting."

"I'm very much looking forward to performing such brilliant songs and appearing alongside a truly great cast as we bring the Wild West to theatres across the country."

Leading lady Emma Williams, who stars as Annie Oakley, joins Jason in

By **Timon Williams**

news@oxfordjournal.co.uk

the show.

In the past, she has featured in the acclaimed 'Sunset Boulevard' and 'Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street', whilst also being the twice Laurence Olivier Award-nominated star of 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang' and 'Love Story'.

"I'm thrilled to be playing the legendary Annie Oakley alongside Jason and Norman (Pace)," she said.

"Annie Oakley has been played by so many incredible actresses before that it's a privilege to fill those cowgirl boots".

'Annie Get Your Gun' will be shown from June 24 - June 28. For more details, go to newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

• (From left to right) Emma, Jason and Norman perform at the New Theatre next week



Frankie tribute

A TRIBUTE to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons is staged at Henley's Kenton Theatre tomorrow, celebrating the groups greatest hits from the hit musical New Jersey Jukebox.

Songs include 'Big Girls Don't Cry', 'December '63 (Oh What a Night)' and 'Let's Hang On', performed by Matthew Filmore, Richard Campbell, Tim Kay and Daniel Goddard.

It starts at 8pm. Go to kentontheatre.co.uk for more information.

All that jazz...

TAPPING toes and swinging shoulders may be the result of watching Jazz Reeds Incorporated at Didcot's Cornerstone Theatre.

The music comes mainly from 'The Great American Song Book' along with some original mainstream jazz numbers, with the band including Julian Marc Stringle, Alvin Roy and Mike Willis. It starts at 8pm on Saturday. For more details, visit cornerstone-arts.org.

Telling stories

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Celebrating in fine style

AWARD-WINNING folk singer Bella Hardy makes a visit to Chipping Norton on Sunday, as part of her nationwide 'Thirty for 30' tour.

To celebrate her 30th birthday, Bella has been visiting her 30 favourite venues in the country, hosting a performance with her band The Midnight Watch at each one.

She will be playing tracks from her six solo albums along the way, the most recent of which being last year's 'Battleplan'.

"I'm planning a party!" said Bella. "I'm visiting 30 places which have a special meaning to me, and doing a big mix of songs from my records."

"I was born in Chipping Norton, so I'm really looking forward to coming back."

"We moved up to my home in Edale (Derbyshire) when I was one, so I'm afraid I don't remember being in Oxfordshire, but it seemed really important to include Chipping Norton on a tour marking my 30th birthday."

"I played at Chipping Norton Theatre last February with my four-piece

By Adam Flinn

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fiddle-singing band, and it was such a fun night."

Bella got into folk music as a teenager when she began playing the ceilidh, before going on to perform at festivals.

She was crowned the winner of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year award earlier this year, and is currently working on a new album for release in the early part of 2015.

"I'm always writing, jotting down ideas, poems, and little melody lines for songs," Bella added.

"I'm really excited, about my next stage of music making, so I think you will be hearing from me early next year."

Sunday's show starts at 7.45pm, and booking details can be found at chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

• Bella Hardy (Picture: Louis Decarlo)



Tales of equality

NICK Wood's emotive show 'A Girl With a Book' is staged at Oxford's Pegasus Theatre from today.

The performance is centred on a writer who is trying to effectively tell the story of a brave young woman's fight for girls' education.

There are three performances between today and Saturday. For more details, go to pegasustheatre.org.uk.

One-act plays

NINE one act-plays last performed in the UK by Noël Coward in the 1930s are staged at the Oxford Playhouse from Wednesday.

The plays demonstrate the full range of Noël's writing, and are split into trios under the titles of Cock-tails, Dinner and Dancing while in Oxford.

It runs until June 28, with seven performances scheduled in that time.

Go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com for more information.

A capella group

OXFORD'S all-male a cappella champions Out of the Blue come to the New Theatre stage tomorrow night.

Tickets are £18.90 and for booking information and show times, go to newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

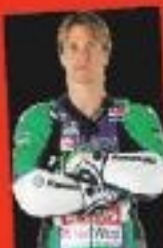
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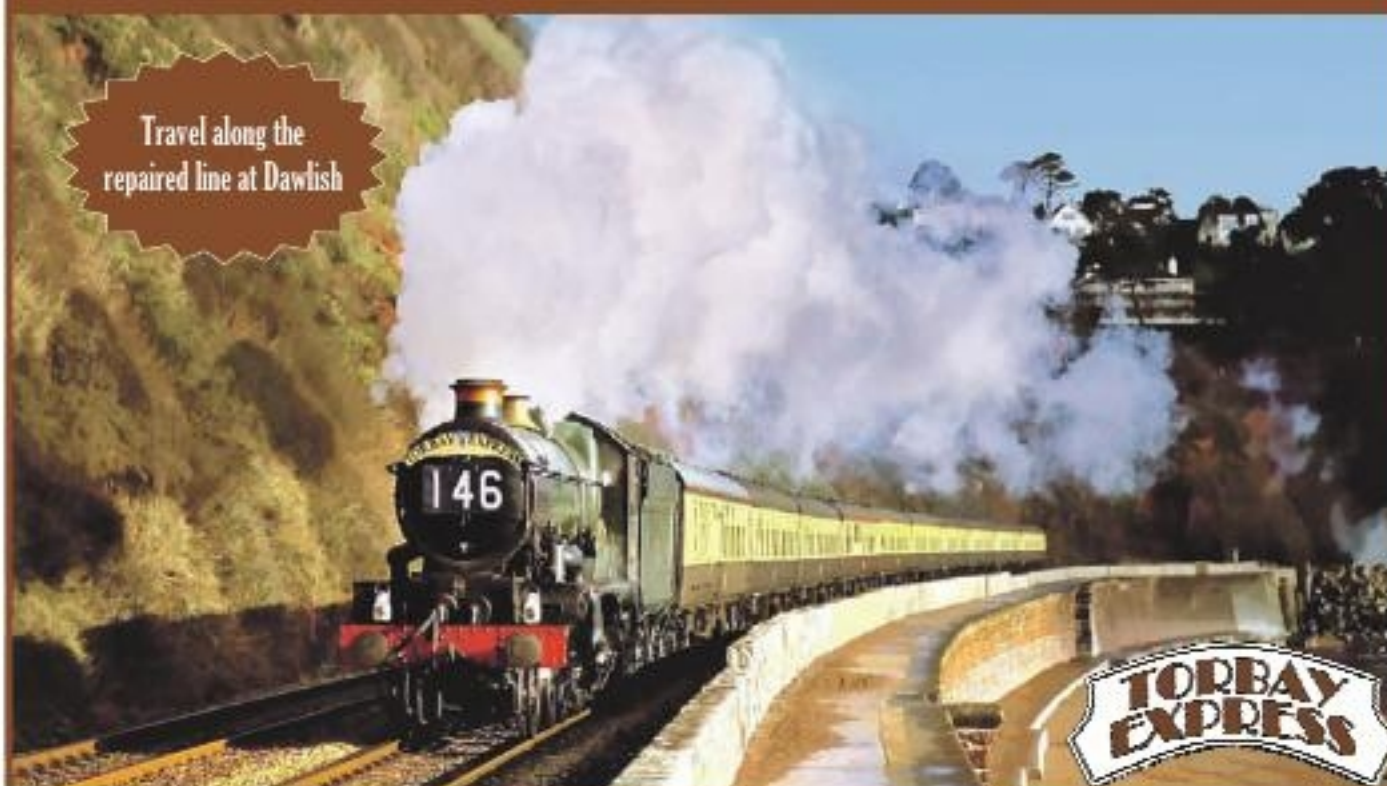


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Dr Winchester worked as an archaeological surveyor at The British School at Rome, before studying Lichenometry in Lapland, Scotland and the Western Alps for her D.Phil. Her research has included stone dating at

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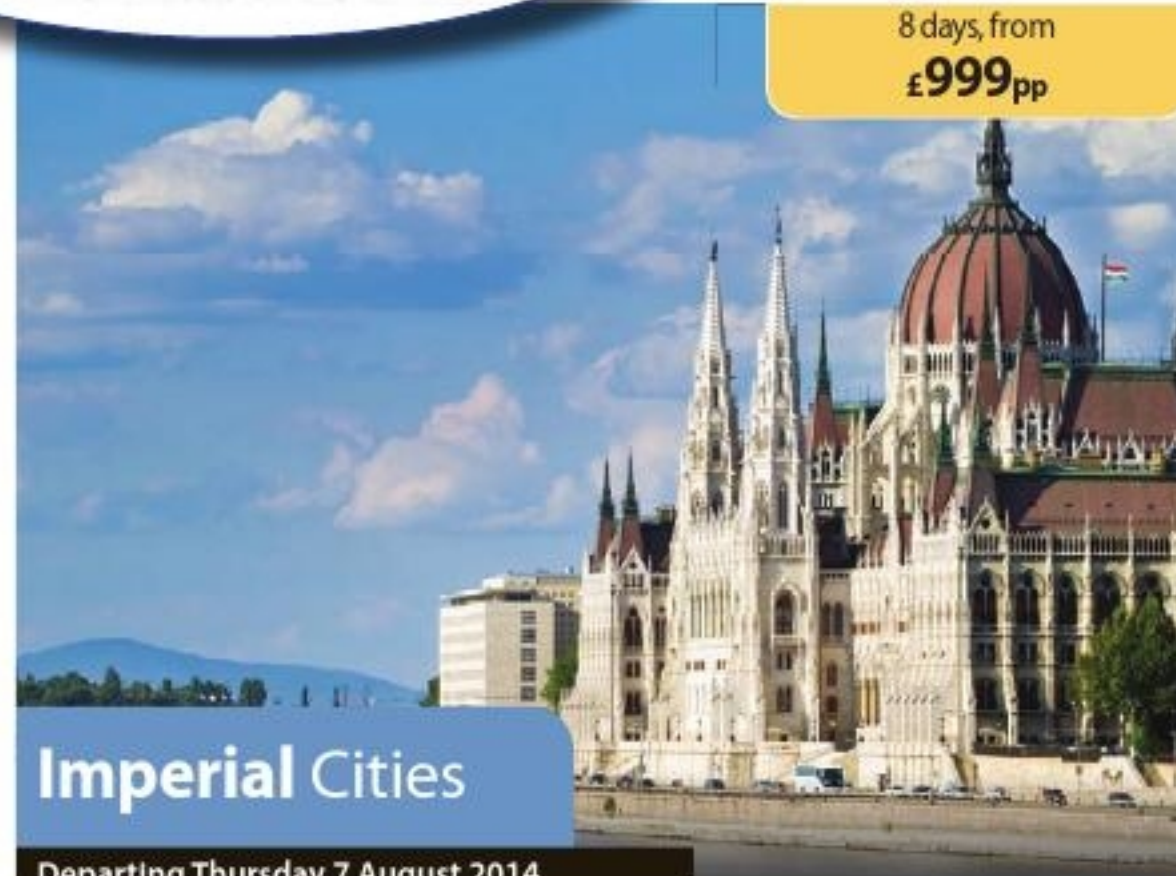
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National Care Home Feature

This year's National Care Home Open Day hopes to build on previous success

TV and radio presenter, Gloria Hunniford has been announced as the ambassador and public face of the National Care Home Open Day on the 20th June 2014.

This year's National Care Home Open Day will have an international edge as South Africa and Australia join in for the first time. Care homes across the world will collectively open their doors to the public. Organisers of the event aim to connect care homes with their local communities, challenge misconceptions about residential care and show local people the

excellent services at the heart of their community. Care homes will also be participating in an international Mexican wave, starting in Australia and coming all the way to the UK.

Gloria Hunniford, a highly respected journalist and broadcaster, is a keen supporter of issues that affect older people. She aims to raise the profile of the event and encourage people from across the country to visit their local care home for the day. Gloria Hunniford is encouraging care homes to be as creative as possible with the activities they put on, and to encourage their

local community to visit and perhaps even become volunteers in their local care home.

Gloria Hunniford, National Care Home Open Day Ambassador, said:

"The National Care Home Open Day is a great opportunity for people to see for themselves the quality of the care services in their neighbourhoods, to make informed assessments of the range of what is available and the standard of care."

"Care homes and their residents are a very important but sometimes overlooked part of our society. The National Care Home

Open Day will help strengthen the relationships between care home residents, staff and their next door neighbours. It may even encourage a few people to think about volunteering to do something during the rest of the year to support and befriend residents in local care homes.

"Last year's National Care Home Open Day was a great success, and this year we are taking it to a whole new level with older people and care homes from across the world getting involved and showing their support and concern for the care sector."



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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Existence (6)
- 7 Work done for another (7)
- 8 Omen (7)
- 9 Inappropriate (5)
- 10 Not surely known (9)
- 12 Preceding day (3)
- 13 Smile radiantly (4)
- 15 Enormous (7)
- 17 Exchange for money (4)
- 19 Border (3)
- 21 Titles or ranks (9)
- 22 High structure (5)
- 23 Fastening (7)
- 24 Go before (7)
- 25 Persons acting for others (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Explains (8)
- 2 Three times (6)
- 3 Proposition to be proved (7)
- 4 Retinue (5)
- 5 Sea robber (6)
- 6 Despatched (4)
- 7 Machine (5,6)
- 11 Harmful (4)
- 13 Plant with succulent root (4)
- 14 Communications (8)
- 16 Giving out light (7)
- 18 Practitioner in the legal profession (6)
- 20 Servile follower (6)
- 21 Made free of moisture (5)
- 22 Pattern (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Secure from European choreography (6)
- 7 To give up life is difficult for a conservative (7)
- 8 Give the gossip a quiet shake (7)
- 9 There's a street light lost! (5)
- 10 Feeling it is time the initial news was sent round (9)
- 12 Wrongdoing can stem from unconscious innocence (3)
- 13 It takes only an initial thousand to put these mountains on your walls (4)
- 15 Sounds as if it reduces the hours of study (7)
- 17 The brink from which he led Germany (4)
- 19 Fish back on the sheltered side (3)
- 21 Give round a mixture for eating (9)
- 22 Plunge to the right and get the bird (5)
- 23 Is Broadway the greatest? (7)
- 24 Happy to have the Italian in a cheerful mood (7)
- 25 The contestant is the one who is settling the bill round the left (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Apt to be appointed to nothing on the spot (8)
- 2 The first murderer's got his head in fetters (6)
- 3 Draft of an unfashionable silhouette (7)
- 4 It's best to have a dog or cat (5)
- 5 Less partial to the blonde? (6)
- 6 The whirlpool of ideas that led to Christian Science? (4)
- 7 A fly dies oven when mixed up in a self-protective attitude (11)
- 11 Confused part of leitmotiv on the roof (4)
- 13 Sure to become an employer (4)
- 14 Enjoying the sound? (8)
- 16 It takes a real nut to be indifferent (7)
- 18 The governor has no alternative but to be in command (6)
- 20 The Roman historian embraces the Spanish in a spirited way (6)
- 21 Exhaust the sun god in the noise (5)
- 22 Act with me to construct a vault (4)

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Scribble space

This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Entity 7 Service 8 Portent 9 Inapt 10 Uncertain 12 Eve 13 Beam 15 Immense 17 Sell 19 Hem 21 Dignities 22 Tower 23 Nailing 24 Precade 25 Agents
Down: 1 Expounds 2 Thrice 3 Theorem 4 Train 5 Prate 6 Sent 7 Steam engine 11 Evil 13 Beet 14 Messages 16 Shining 18 Lawyer 20 Minion 21 Dried 22 Type

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Anchor 7 Diehard 8 Prattle 9 Stray 10 Sentiment 12 Sin 13 Urat 15 Lessons 17 Edge 19 Fel 21 Devouring 22 Diver 23 Largest 24 Menthly 25 Player
Down: 1 Aposote 2 Chains 3 Outline 4 Beast 5 Fairer 6 Eddy 7 Deftly 11 Tite 13 User 14 Laughter 16 Neutral 18 Govern 20 Lively 21 Drain 22 Dome



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Friday features Dublin duo Hudson Taylor, perfect pop stars The Feeling, American troubadour Suzanne Vega, 'Mr Wendal' creators Arrested Development, beautiful pop diva Sophie Ellis-Bextor, and national treasure Jools Holland with special guests Melanie C and Marc Almond.

Saturday includes festival favourite Jon Allen, American blues travellers Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, New Jersey's Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes featuring Gary US Bonds, and chart topping Nina Nesbitt. The American invasion continues with Illinois rocker Lissie and Grammy-Award winning country new-girl Kacey Musgraves. Other

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artists include 60s icon Georgie Fame with Guy Barker's 16 piece big band, pop-hit makers Scouting for Girls, and Scottish rock legends Simple Minds.

Come Sunday, the festival goes pop with performances from X Factor 2013 winner Sam Bailey and finalist Luke Friend, and an eclectic cocktail of Caribbean flavoured Kid Creole & The Coconuts, 70s hit-makers 10cc and the Japanese Jeff Beck 'Kill Bill' theme tune writer Tomoyasu Hotei. Closing the festival on the Songbird Stage is Celtic fusion band Peatbog Faeries, and on the main stage the legendary Gipsy Kings winner of this year's Grammy for Best World Music Album.

And that's not all

The Festival has booked a great line-up of comedy stars including Al Murray and Jeremy Hardy. For younger festival goers there's the fantastic children's zone with countless activities along with an extensive fairground and giant Ferris wheel. And don't miss a visit to the Vintage mobile cinema which will be showing a mini short-film festival.

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SKYACTIV technology the reason behind popularity, says Japanese car manufacturer New Mazda3 proves to be a hit

THE petrol version of the new Mazda3 has proved a bigger hit than expected.

The Japanese car manufacturer demonstrated the car's eco friendly attributes at a recent car show in Silverstone.

Its SKYACTIV technology combines low carbon dioxide emissions with fuel economy.

The car company claims it is the reason behind high demand for business drivers.

Due to the success at the recent show, the Japanese giants are expecting a growth of around 30 per cent in its sales in 2014 to 2015.

Mazda says demand for the model has far exceeded expectations.

Head of fleet Steve Tomlinson said: "Miles per gallon from the all-new Mazda3 SKYACTIV-G petrol engines is phenomenal and as average company car mileage reduces many drivers do not require a diesel engine model. Furthermore, businesses and drivers benefit from the lower pump price of petrol."

"Many companies link vehicle choice lists to a monthly lease rate allowance

REVIEW: Mazda3

By James Richings

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and drivers typically select models that deliver the best value for money.

"The combination of power, performance and specification delivered by the Mazda3 petrol engine range twinned with low CO2 and top-notch MPG is proving very attractive when factored against a monthly lease rate, which reflects annual mileage and excellent residual values."

The Mazda3 is in Hatchback and Fastback saloon models.

Tomlinson added: "The Fastback is proving popular amongst company car drivers who prefer coupé-like styling in a mid-sized four-door saloon."

"There is no doubt that diesel-powered Hatchback derivatives of the all-new Mazda3 will remain the most popular among company car drivers. However, the arrival of SKYACTIV technology in the all-new Mazda3 in both Hatchback and Fastback body-styles is changing the market allied to the lifestyles of today's employees."



• The new Mazda3 has proved a bigger hit than first expected

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Model Shown: Civic 1.6 i-DTEC SR Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £24,360 On The Road. **Terms and Conditions:** New retail Civic 1.6 i-DTEC SR Manual registered from 2 January 2014 to 30 June 2014. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **The 5 Year Care Package includes:** Servicing: All scheduled servicing, as detailed in the vehicles service book, will be covered for 5 years or 62,500 miles, whichever comes first. **Warranty:** In addition to the standard 3 year warranty the customer will receive a complimentary 2 year extended guarantee taking the warranty to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **Roadside Assist:** In addition to the standard 3 years roadside assistance package the customer will receive complimentary HondaCare Assistance for a further 2 years, taking it to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **The 5 Year Care Package:** The 5 Year Care Package is optional. It is being offered for £500 including VAT (usual value £1,845 including VAT) and is available to finance or non-finance customers. Please note, should you sell the vehicle during the period of cover, the package remains with the vehicle.



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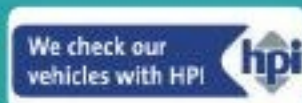


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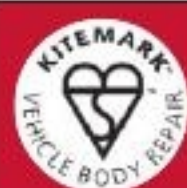
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Burnell targets signings

LONDON Welsh head coach Justin Burnell says he is still looking to strengthen his squad despite already adding 15 new faces.

The Exiles announced their retained list for next season's Aviva Premiership campaign on Monday, while the likes of Olly Barkley and Ricky Reeves have joined in recent weeks.

Twenty-three of last season's Greene King IPA Championship winning team have been retained, with Tom May, Matt Corker and Gordon Ross among the big names to stay on.

Burnell said: "Last season's success was based purely on the squad environment we created at the club.

"We rotated our squad throughout the season and

never fielded the same starting 15 in consecutive games.

"In regard to new signings at the club, we have confirmed 15 additions to our squad for next season, but I would reiterate that we are still actively looking to further strengthen."

The Exiles have released 25 players, including Joe Ajuwa, Tyson Keats, Sonny Parker and Hudson Tonga'uia.

Burnell was full of praise for the players who helped them return to the Premiership.

"I'd like to thank all of the boys who are leaving the club this summer and wish them all the very best for the future," he said.

• Justin Burnell (Picture by Martin John)

McNally hopes to earn his wings

AN RAF serviceman has been handed a once in a lifetime opportunity to play in the Aviva Premiership next season with London Welsh.

Senior aircraftman Josh McNally, a weapons technician based at RAF Brize Norton, joined the Exiles at the end of last week.

The 23-year-old impressed Welsh head coach Justin Burnell while playing against the Exiles for SSE National League 2 South side Henley Hawks in a pre-season friendly last year.

The second-row forward won the Royal Air Force inter-station competition for the second time with Brize Norton this year.

Although he will no longer be on aircraft duty, McNally will still be a part of the RAF, while adjusting to life as a full-time rugby player with the Exiles.

He said: "If somebody had told me 12 months ago (that I would be playing in the Premiership) I probably wouldn't have believed them.

"But the way the season has gone, I can't see any reason why I can't pursue this further.

"London Welsh have seen me play and they wouldn't sign me for no reason, so I'm really look-

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ing forward to it."

McNally was posted to Lincolnshire in 2010 and played rugby for Peterborough in National 3 Midlands, before moving to Spalding.

In September 2012 he was posted to RAF Brize Norton in

conjunction with the Royal Air Force Rugby Union Centre of Excellence Scheme.

He added: "The sport is massive in the military and to see somebody succeed playing in the Premiership is going to be good for the RAF as a whole and for the station.

"Being in the RAF for five years, the attitude that I have here is never giving up and

always going forward.

"I don't want to go to London Welsh and have an easy ride, I want to strive to be better and hopefully that comes through on the field as well."

Director of RAF Rugby, Group Capt Chris Moore said: "We look forward to watching Josh develop with London Welsh and hope to see more of our players following a similar route."



• Senior aircraftman Josh McNally has joined London Welsh from Henley Hawks (Picture by Damian Dolan)



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Smith feeling positive after Catalunya test

OXFORD'S Bradley Smith left Catalunya in a positive mood after an encouraging day of testing in Barcelona earlier this week.

After the disappointment of finishing 10th in the Catalunya Grand Prix last Sunday, Smith took to the track just a day later for testing and finished second quickest behind world champion Marc Marquez.

The 23-year-old completed 75 laps of the Circuit de Catalunya, setting a time of 1:41.224, just 0.040 seconds slower than the Repsol Honda rider.

Sunday's race was a mystifying one for Smith, who started eighth on the grid, as a lack of confidence with the setup saw him finish 10th after losing four places on the first lap.

However, the Monster Yamaha Tech3 rider cut a happier figure after Monday's test and heads to round eight at Assen, the Netherlands, on June 28, in higher spirit.

"All in all testing was really pos-

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itive, as we achieved everything we set out to as well as clarifying a few mysterious problems from the race," he said.

"I felt a lot more comfortable on the bike plus I did 75 laps with my fastest time at the end which was even quicker than what I was able to achieve in the GP."

Smith used the day to work on geometry settings, electronics, engine braking and a new tyre supplied by Bridgestone.

He added: "For me to be able to do a 41.2 lap time is really encouraging and I am definitely happy with the results."

"Now, I am looking forward to going to Assen to see how this new information we have gathered can be of benefit."

Last Saturday's race was an eventful one and came down to an exciting climax with Marquez, teammate Dani Pedrosa and the Yamaha factory pairing of Valen-



tino Rossi and Jorge Lorenzo all fighting for the win.

Marquez ultimately won the race, making it seven out of seven for 2014 and increasing his lead in the championship to

58 points.

However, Marquez's rivals will be feeling upbeat about ending the 21-year-old's dominance with Rossi finishing only half a second behind the Spaniard.

• Bradley Smith was second quickest in testing at the Circuit de Catalunya after a promising day of running on Monday (Picture courtesy of Tech3)

Club stalwart honoured for service

ABINGDON United secretary John Blackmore said it was "quite a shock" to receive an award for his contribution to football.

The Berks and Bucks FA presented Mr Blackmore (pictured), who is also the club's groundsman, with a meritorious award for his services to grassroots football last week.

Blackmore, who has been involved with the club for 27 years, said: "It was quite a shock."

"But it's nice to be recognised when you do something for all these years, it was very nice."

"I went to Abingdon United 27 years ago and have gone through as player, manager, groundsman, secretary."

"Everybody has their hobbies and obviously mine is football." Mr Blackmore broke his back in December last year after falling off a ladder.

"They're two totally different things aren't they," he said.

"The back is mending quite well. It hinders me a bit, but it's nothing serious really, I just get on with it."

Elkins gets new deal

DIDCOT Town's joint manager Ian Concannon has backed defender Sam Elkins to show why he is one of the best in Division One South and West.

Elkins re-signed for the Railwaymen earlier this week along with youngsters Taylor Janes and Oli Thomas.

The full-back suffered a nasty ankle injury during last season's campaign, but still featured 38 times for Didcot.

"Sam needs a pre-season behind him," said Concannon.

"Last season he didn't have a pre-season and it didn't quite go for him, but when he plays and is on top of his game he can be one of the best right-backs in the league."

"We see Sam as a key part of what we are trying to do and if he gets himself fully fit, and applies himself like we all know he can, then he will go on and be a consistent performer for us."

Didcot also announced the signing of former Thatcham Town striker Luke Abrahart this week.

• Sam Elkins (Picture by Roger Neal)



U's start against Burton

OXFORD United manager Gary Waddock said playing Burton Albion on the first day of the season will be an "excellent gauge" of his side.

The fixtures for the 2014-15 Sky Bet League Two season were announced yesterday, with United welcoming the Brewers to the Kassam Stadium on August 9.

It will be the first time in five years that United have started at home and they face a tough challenge against last year's play-off finalists.

"Every club would want to start with a home game," Waddock told the club.

"Burton did very well last season and playing them first up will be an excellent gauge of where we are and what we can expect over the season."

Other notable fixtures are an away trip to Luton Town on September 27 and a home game on Boxing Day against Shrewsbury Town.

Meanwhile, Waddock is continuing to work hard to add to the existing squad.

He said: "There has been progress on that front but we want to make sure we get the

right mix and the right characters within the squad.

"I am talking to players who I believe would add to what we already have here and I am willing to be patient and wait that little bit longer to get it right."

• Gary Waddock is pleased to start the season with a home fixture (Picture by Steve Daniels)



Sport Bites

Three from Oxon in Games

ATHLETICS: Three Oxfordshire athletes will represent England at this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Oxford City AC members Nathan Douglas (triple jump) and Hannah England (1,500m), as well as Lawrence Clarke (100m hurdles), who is from Christmas Common, near Watlington, were selected earlier this week.

The Commonwealth Games begin on July 23.

Eddie starts in Ireland

GOLF: Abingdon golfer Eddie Pepperell tees off in the Irish Open today.

The 23-year-old has a had fortnight's rest and will look to challenge this weekend, as there are three spots available for qualification for The Open next month on offer.

Pepperell has one major appearance to his name after qualifying for last year's US Open.

Another loss

RUGBY LEAGUE: Oxford Rugby League suffered a fourth consecutive defeat in the Championship 1 last weekend, losing 52-28 to London Skolars.

Oxford are currently second from bottom in the league table with 13 points and have not recorded a win since May 18.

The Iffley Road side are next in action this Sunday when they travel to the University of Gloucester All Golds.

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MASSA WANTS GOOD SHOWING

Brazilian driver hopes to make amends after tough end to Canada

FORMULA One returns to Austria for the first time in 11 years this weekend, with Williams Martini Racing drivers Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas aiming for a competitive showing.

The team had a tough time at the last race in Canada, when Massa collided with Sergio Perez on the last lap and Bottas' car struggled with high temperatures.

But they are optimistic heading to the Red Bull Ring in Austria, which last appeared on the Formula One calendar 11 years ago.

Massa is one of just four drivers on the grid who has competed at the track before, retiring from his one race there in 2002.

"There are very few guys who have driven the circuit which is a little advantage," said Massa.

"But the track and limit may have changed and the cars have changed so it won't be the same as 11 years ago.

"We can be competitive here but at the moment it's hard to tell where we will be compared to our competition."

Bottas added: "I've spent a lot of time in the simulator to prepare for Austria as I haven't driven the circuit before.

By Adam Flinn

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"I have also spoken with Felipe as he is one of the four drivers who have raced this track in Formula One.

"It's a little unknown how competitive we will be as there will be some upgrades, but we will as always give it our best."

Elsewhere, Lotus are aiming for a return to the points after reliability problems forced drivers Romain Grosjean and Pastor Maldonado out of the Canadian Grand Prix.

Neither driver has driven the Austrian circuit before, but are hoping to harness the progress of the E22 car.

"We've made good progress with the car and it's starting to feel like a real racer in how it handles and how all the systems feel," said Grosjean.

"The feel of the car is an important aspect of the improvements being made so it's another piece in the jigsaw."

Caterham and Marussia will also be hoping for better fortunes this weekend, as both teams failed to get to the chequered flag at the last race.



• Felipe Massa is one of only four of this year's drivers to have raced in Austria in Formula One before (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)

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